Arlington Heights

Monday Sept 23rd 1861

Dear Sister I received your letter & meant to have answered it before but thought that I would wait until I got my pay so that I could send you some money in the letter My pay amounted to $23 and I only sent a $5 dollar Treasury Note and off that goes right & I send a $10 one I haven't been on duty right yet but have effect to have been in one day & got even inside and the right & by the first works all right and the pickets of the 13th Regt and 9th Mass and Dekalb Regt got drove in

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and Some Away down to Camp
Away One Man out of our Regt.
Come to Camp & I don't Supose
that he would come off he had not
been with the 13th boys that
he Belide and he Come with them
the rest of our boys Away pebbley
he Rited a half a mile they
fired all Kinds of Shots at them
and when when they
drove our pickets in they
Commenced to set fire to
the Citizen Many Houses and
barns and drove the Men
and Children a way So that
about every thing was burnt
that they had Nice Lucky
down by the Rail Roads
and You could see houses
and barns a burning and
and See our pickets a
Runing in and See Riding
Children & Men a Coming

some of them no- Half
dress a going a leading horses
with- feather beds on their
backs a lot of them stuck
in our Camp all night-
and in the morning went
to Washington they arested
a man by the name of
Minick and his family
and all of his Niggers
they was the ones that-
gave the signal for the rebbles
to come on they took them
over to Washington the pickets
keep a spieing on each other
all of the time they are death
on our Reg.t they call
ous the Black devels with
the Black guns one of
their men that- belongs to
the 18th Reg.t Regular said
that- iff they Could- every
of our men they would give

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over the Hovel for he said
that I was had shot lots
of their mans iff You could
only see the things that the
boys belch in Red Bills
Books of all Kinds Shakespir
works Cups and Flutes one
of our boys was offered
seven dollors for a book
the New Recules come the
other night — Lue Engel
and Dave Myral started again
to day for Ottica they took
Uniforms with them for
the Men that enlist
Your are all well
I would like to come
home for a Week or
so to See You all
Rite Soon Your Brother
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